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INCREASE PASSENGER AND FREIGHT RAILROAD SERVICE

OPEN RAILROAD BRIDGE TO TRAFFIC -- Berlin, Nacht-Express, 1 Feb 51

After 8 months of construction, a new railroad bridge over the Saale River near Burg Goseck was opened to traffic. The Berlin-Eisenach express was the first train to cross the bridge, which had been destroyed during World War II. The entire Jueterbog-Neudietendorf route has now been double-tracked. A new welding process, instead of the customary riveting, was used in the construction.

STEPS UP MOVEMENT OF FREIGHT -- Berlin, Fahrt Frei, 15 Dec 50

In November, 1,318,970 tons of freight were carried by the 756 heavy-freight trains, an average of 25 trains per day, operated by the Berlin sector of the Reichsbahn.

Compared with October, the number of freight trains run increased by 23.7 percent and the tonnage, 57.1 percent. All freight locomotives of the sector were employed to achieve this end. During the first 5 days of December, a total of 170 heavy-freight trains were operated as carriers of 226,841 tons.

BEGINS BERLIN-PRAGUE EXPRESS RUN -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 30 Dec 50

On 21 December 1950, the Berlin Reichsbahn Directorate started operation of the first express rail-motor car for the Berlin-Prague run. With stops at Dresden-Neustadt and Bad Schandau, the express is scheduled to reach Prague in 6 hours. Passengers boarding the train in Berlin must have a special permit.

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STANDARDIZES RATES OF NARROW-GAUGE RAILROADS -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer  
Aussenhandel, 3 Jan 51

On 1 January, Reichsbahn rates became effective for passenger service  
on narrow-gauge railroads in the German Democratic Republic. All East Ger-  
man narrow-gauge railroads recently passed from private ownership into  
Reichsbahn control.

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